

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 191

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A RESOLUTION to recognize John William Deason on the occasion of his retirement from the Shelbyville Fire Department.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, John William “Johnny” Deason is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for sixty-seven years as a volunteer member of the Shelbyville Fire Department and will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, during his nearly seven decades as a volunteer member of the Shelbyville Fire Department, Johnny Deason has served the department and his community with acumen and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Deason was a member of the 1946 graduating class of Shelbyville Central High School, and during his sophomore year, he was a member of State Militia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deason was a proud and valorous member of the United States Army from 1950 until 1952, and served bravely during the Korean War as a Master Sergeant in the 4th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Deason, the owner and operator of Deason Plumbing and Electric for fifty-two years, has remained an active and important part of his community. He has volunteered his time and energies to the annual Duck River Clean-Up, his culinary prowess to several community ham breakfasts and fish fries, and his leadership and insight while serving as a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Deason was honored as the Citizen of the Month by the city of Shelbyville, a fitting recognition for his many contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout member of the Edgemont Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deason is also devoted to family values of the highest caliber, and is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife of sixty-two years, Betty Sanders Deason; their children, Denise Redd, John Deason Jr., David Deason, Dena Haskins, and Darla Sampson; their grandchildren, Emily Redd Hodges, Brian Redd, John Deason, Whitney Deason, Amanda Deason O'Brien, David Deason, Blair Haskins, Ivy Sampson, and Tess Sampson; and their great-grandchildren, Bryson Redd, Ansley O'Brien, and Paziley Hodges; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Deason exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Deason has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Johnny Deason our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from his role as a volunteer member of the Shelbyville Fire Department and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.